

Richland County Recreation Commission
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2015
6:00PM

Commissioners in Attendance:

J. Marie Green, Chair
Barbara Mickens, Vice Chair
Weston A. Furgess, Jr., Secretary
George Martin
G. Todd Weiss

RCRC Staff in Attendance:

James Brown, III
Kenya Bryant
Ronnie Kinnett
Tara Dickerson
Taurus Lewis
Andrea James
David Stringer
Robert Hickman
Tony Cooper
Kasey Wilson
Bryan Crider
Josh Fulmer
Brandolyn Blanding

1. Call to Order:

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed guest and former Commissioner, Pastor Epps.

2. Adoption of Agenda: (Action)

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Weiss, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present: Green, Furgess, Weiss, Mickens and Martin.

3. Approval of Minutes: (Action)

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2015 Regular Board Meeting made by Commissioner Mickens, second by Commissioner Weiss. Minutes approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Martin, Mickens and Weiss.

4. Public Input:

Ms. Michelle Harris extended an invitation to Board members and everyone in attendance to join the Hollywood Hills/Starks Terrace communities on November 21, 2015 as they get together for Thanksgiving dinner, called the Annual Elizabeth Blackmon Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Crane Creek Community Center on November 21, 2015 at 6:00pm. Ms. Harris stated that this year will be a very special time bringing community leaders together that have dedicated their lives to public service and one of the honorees is Mr. James Brown. Ms. Harris added that Richland County Recreation Commission's Camp Sunshine will be showcased. Ms. Harris stated that last year there were over 100 attendees and she's asking that Mr. Bryant let her know how many of the RCRC family will be attending.

Chair Green thanked Ms. Harris for the invitation and added count me in.

5. Financial Report: (Information)

Ms. Andrea James, Financial Operations, reported that at the close of the last fiscal year there was approximately a 16% increase over the close of the prior year in terms of fund balance. Ms. James stated that the auditor came earlier this year and that is because Accounting has required our financials to be there by the end of October. The plan is to review the audit findings in November. Ms. James reviewed financial reports included in the Board's packet.

6. Finance Policy Changes: (Action)

Chair Green stated that Finance Policy changes deferred until November meeting per Mr. Brown.

7. Bond Construction Update: (Information)

Mr. Ronnie Kinnett, Property Management, reviewed Bond Projects listed on the Bond Construction Updates included in the Board's package.

8. Executive Director Report: (Information-Handout)

Mr. James Brown, III Executive Director reported Agency Updates as outlined on the handout.

Chair Green commented that she attended Pastor Scott's church, which is next door to the new Perrin Thomas Community Center, on Sunday with Ms. Devra Thompson, the new Center Director. Chair Green stated that Ms. Thompson has already began her outreach to get to know the community. Chair Green added that she had a great time and that Pastor Scott, who

is the Adaptive Recreation Manager for RCRC, is great for the community and helped promote the grand opening of the Center.

9. Other Business: Killian Park (Attachment)

Chair Green reported that she received a letter from citizens of the Killian Park area which is included in the Board's packet.

Chair Green stated that her suggestion, with approval of the Board, is to do a memorial with pictures of all individuals and a history of their contributions and efforts in the finding of Killian Park and hang it at the Park. Commissioners present agreed and Chair Green charged Mr. Brown and staff to proceed.

David Stringer, Human Resources, presented changes in Privileges and Discounts Policy No, 165 included in the Board's packet.

Motion to approve staff's recommendations for Policy No. 165 made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Commissioner Weiss abstained, noting that he believes that Commissioners and employees should get the same discounts. Motion approved by Green, Furgess, Mickens and Martin.

Chair Green stated that Mr. James Bridgett, Jr., Parliamentarian was expected to be here for a presentation honoring his service and contributions to the Commission over the years, but due to health reasons he was unable to come. Chair Green thanked Rev. Epps for his decision years ago to appoint Mr. Bridgett as Parliamentarian, as he has not let us down, and also for his presence to witness the acknowledgement.

Rev. Epps commended the Board for recognizing Mr. Bridgett with such a beautiful plaque.

Chair Green stated that she and Mr. Brown will deliver the plaque to Mr. Bridgett personally.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 1 personnel and 2 contractual matters made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Mickens, Martin and Weiss.

10. Executive Session

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner Weiss, second by Commissioner Furgess. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Martin, Mickens and Weiss.

Motion to accept donation of property by Ms. Faye Levens as recommended by staff made by Commissioner Weiss, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Weiss, Mickens, Martin and Furgess.

Motion to approve Executive Director's contract for the period through November 2018 made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Mickens. Motion approved by Green, Mickens, Furgess and Martin; Weiss abstained.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Furgess, second by Commissioner Weiss. Motion approved unanimously by all members present; Green, Furgess, Martin, Mickens and Weiss.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.



J. Marie Green, Chair

Minutes approved on this 16th day of November 2015.